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Mercury spill closes Mail Center One

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At about 4:30 p.m. Monday, the Belleville Fire Department was dispatched to a Hazmat situation at Mail Center One in the Belle Plaza shopping center, 847 Sumpter Road, where a package was leaking mercury.

The store was closed off, with a Belleville fire engine parked sideways in front of it and a crew standing by to keep people away, until late in the evening waiting for the owners of the store to get a professional cleaning company to clean up the mercury.

Fire Chief Brian Loranger said around noon on Tuesday that at that point the owners of the business had not yet called in a company to clean up the mercury and so the city condemned the unit, pulling its certificate of occupancy, until it is cleaned.

Chief Loranger said the door has been chained shut and nobody allowed inside until the mercury is removed.

When asked if there was a lot of mercury, Chief Loranger said any amount is too much and he believes it was at least a Tablespoon of mercury that dripped out.

He said someone dropped off this package to ship it and when Fed Ex got there they said, "No way," and it all began.

Apparently something inside the package had broken, he said.

Chief Loranger said the mercury is in several different spots in the shop. He said it is expensive to clean up, but either the owner of the business or the owner of the building will have to clean it up properly.



Belleville Wrestling Club wrestlers and coaches posed for a picture with their third-place team trophy after the tournament it hosted at Belleville High School on Sunday, Jan. 10. From left, in back, are Bobby Ostrowski, Blake Williams, Jaylen Jones, Randy York, Jim Grondy, Clayton Jones, Scott Settles, Eric Jones, James Grondy, Daniel Hubbard, Jim Majewski, and John Toth. Second row, from left, are Trevor Brooks, Mary-Alice Lynch, Erin Bohmont, Michael Lynch, Gabe Toth, Joshua Hubbard, Richard Brooks, Eric Jones, Kasey Settles, Jackson Ostrowski, Levi Meggison, Jackson Gould, and Shannon Williams. In front, from left, are PJ Thompson, Steven Gould, Nate Vanassche, Connor Williams, Michael Vanassche, and Junior Thompson. The BWC has 55 wrestlers from the Van Buren School District and competes every Sunday in tournaments throughout Southeastern Michigan.

MAFF Exec. Director: 'We're at an impasse'

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Fred Timpner, executive director of the Michigan Association of Fire Fighters, said Friday that the union is at an impasse with the city of Belleville over the first contract for city paid-on-call fire fighters.

About two years ago the fire fighters voted to join MAFF because they felt the city was not treating them fairly, said Belleville union president Brian Blackburn.

Ever since then they have been negotiating for their first contract.

Blackburn said when the Sumpter Township fire fighters organized under MAFF, it took just two months to get their first contract.

After two years of negotiations, Timpner said it looked like there would be an agreement in December, but the employer backed away from the items agreed upon.

He said the union filed for binding arbitration because "we're at an impasse." He said MAFF is waiting for the state to assign an arbitrator so a schedule can be set up. He said they should know their arbitrator by the end of January.

"After two years, we're throwing our hands up," Timpner said,

He said the last agreement was taken to the mayor in December and it came back changed and there has been no more movement.

Timpner said the big item is over the wages. He said when the fire fighters get called from their homes in all kinds of weather and all times of day, the pay of \$14 an hour is reduced to \$10 an hour after the first hour.

He said the union wants no reduction after the first hour. It's like the fire fighters are punished if they don't get the fire out in an hour, he said.

"I call these fire fighters our modern-day Minute Men, who when they heard the British are coming all ran from their fields to attend to the British," Timpner said.

"These guys drop what they're doing and respond," Timpner said, adding he wishes city officials would respond as quickly and responsibly as the fire fighters do.

"None of these fire fighters go into
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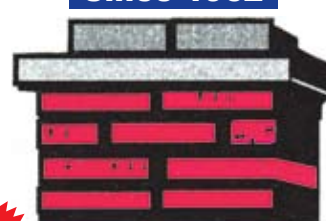
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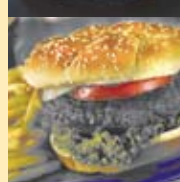
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

MAFF contract

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this to get rich and make money. It's for community pride and to help serve.

"The mayor should be ashamed," Timpner stated.

He said the state mediator was on hand for the union's final offer and representatives of the employer said they would send it to the mayor.

"They changed it," Timpner said, explaining when it came back from the mayor the reduction in pay had been reinserted.

"There has been no more movement," Timpner said. "We're done."

He said the city and MAFF will split the cost of binding arbitration, which will cost about \$1,000 a day per hearing and includes a court stenographer. The sides will split the costs of their legal representation.

He said it usually is about three days for the hearing in this kind of case and another 10 days after that.

He said the total fee is from \$10,000 to \$20,000, split equally, not including the transcript and attorney fees.

"I'm really proud to represent these fire fighters," Timpner said of the Belleville union. "God forbid the mayor's house burned. These fire fighters would respond and fight the fire with the best possible service as if it were anyone else."

The *Independent* informed him that Mayor Kerreen Conley's house had caught on fire in December 2013 during the first year of negotiations and the fire fighters had saved her home.

Timpner, who came into the ongoing negotiations last summer, said he didn't know that, but he is not surprised how they responded.

"It goes to their character. Your community has every right to be proud of them."

Mayor Conley was not available for comment since she was in Washington, D.C. attending the Conference of U.S. Mayors.

City of Belleville holds 1-min., 39 sec. meeting

On Tuesday, the Belleville City Council held a one-minute 39-second meeting. Most of the time was spent paying bills of \$495,514.08. There was no other business on the agenda.

The meeting was led by Mayor Pro Tem Jack Loria, in absence of the mayor. Councilman Tom Fielder was absent since he was giving a State of the City address at the Rotary Club on behalf of the mayor.

City of Belleville Employee Costs 1/1/15 - 12/31/15

| Employee Name | Total Wages | Employer FICA | Pension/ MERS | LTD/STD | Net Medical Ins/Payout | Total Cost |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|---------|------------------------|------------|
| City Council | | | | | | |
| T. Fielder | 1,000.00 | 76.50 | - | - | - | 1,076.50 |
| K. Conley | 1,500.00 | 114.75 | - | - | - | 1,614.75 |
| J. Loria | 1,000.00 | 76.50 | - | - | - | 1,076.50 |
| T. Smith | 1,000.00 | 76.50 | - | - | - | 1,076.50 |
| K. Tindall | 1,000.00 | 76.50 | - | - | - | 1,076.50 |
| City Manager | | | | | | |
| D. Kollmeyer | 70,610.40 | 5,401.70 | 10,200.00 | 731.70 | 20,422.18 | 107,365.97 |
| Clerk/Treasurer | | | | | | |
| L. Long | 52,585.28 | 4,022.77 | 23,603.40 | 731.70 | 17,108.74 | 98,051.89 |
| Account Clerks | | | | | | |
| M. Bellingham | 36,783.60 | 3,272.95 | 7,909.37 | 656.16 | 6,000.00 | 54,622.08 |
| T. McGlynn | 36,346.00 | 3,239.47 | 7,815.06 | 650.88 | 6,000.00 | 54,051.41 |
| S. Moore | 39,882.45 | 3,051.01 | 8,574.03 | 661.62 | 8,730.91 | 60,900.02 |
| M. Tinsley | 37,604.46 | 2,876.74 | 8,084.65 | 661.62 | 11,973.70 | 61,201.17 |
| C. Smith | 9,995.46 | 764.65 | | | | 10,760.11 |
| Department of Public Services | | | | | | |
| R. Rutherford | 38,775.00 | 2,966.29 | | | | 41,741.29 |
| S. Adams | 52,458.20 | 4,472.05 | 11,279.57 | 672.42 | 6,000.00 | 74,882.24 |
| S. Demond | 55,908.34 | 4,276.99 | 12,020.45 | 672.42 | 20,889.74 | 93,767.94 |
| L. Prybyla | 37,878.26 | 3,356.69 | 8,143.06 | 672.42 | 6,000.00 | 56,050.43 |
| R. Akans | 16,079.25 | 1,230.06 | | | | 17,309.31 |
| R. Jenkins | 2,205.00 | 168.68 | | | | 2,373.68 |
| K. Tackett | 40,500.00 | 3,098.25 | | | | 43,598.25 |
| Police Officers | | | | | | |
| H. Berriman | 39,375.00 | 3,012.19 | | | | 42,387.19 |
| K. Faull - Schlund | 72,366.87 | 5,536.07 | 23,051.17 | 731.70 | 15,226.38 | 116,912.18 |
| M. Boudreau | 646.00 | 49.42 | - | - | - | 695.42 |
| M. Aldrich | 38,459.00 | 2,942.11 | | | | 41,401.11 |
| T. Schrecengost | 69,187.77 | 5,751.86 | 22,071.69 | 731.70 | 6,000.00 | 103,743.03 |
| M. VanDeweghe | 60,510.78 | 4,629.07 | 19,249.74 | 731.70 | 4,326.58 | 89,447.87 |
| J. Wickham | 67,664.30 | 5,176.32 | 21,457.75 | 731.70 | 15,871.54 | 110,901.60 |
| T. Trombly | 29,284.00 | 2,240.23 | - | | | 31,524.23 |
| K. Rose | 56,146.35 | 4,295.20 | 17,854.10 | 731.70 | 3,919.37 | 82,946.71 |
| G. Beach | 46,958.64 | 4,051.34 | 14,947.90 | 731.70 | 6,000.00 | 72,689.57 |
| Crossig Guards | | | | | | |
| M. Talaga | 3,800.72 | 290.76 | | | | 4,091.48 |
| Fire Department | | | | | | |
| B. Blackburn | 7,484.62 | 572.57 | | | | 8,057.19 |
| N. Siemasz | 1,240.90 | 94.93 | | | | 1,335.83 |
| C. Brabbs | 2,614.56 | 200.01 | | | | 2,814.57 |
| D. Mosholder | 3,296.14 | 252.15 | | | | 3,548.29 |
| B. Loranger | 10,372.28 | 793.48 | | | | 11,165.76 |
| M. Loveland | 8,712.26 | 666.49 | | | | 9,378.75 |
| J. Martin | 2,549.62 | 195.05 | | | | 2,744.67 |
| M. Barry | 230.70 | 17.65 | | | | 248.35 |
| C. McClinton | 2,861.58 | 218.91 | | | | 3,080.49 |
| K. Rix | 3,811.30 | 291.56 | | | | 4,102.86 |
| A. Garduno | 581.47 | 44.48 | | | | 625.95 |
| E. Smith | 3,916.50 | 299.61 | | | | 4,216.11 |
| D. Smith | 6,179.68 | 472.75 | | | | 6,652.43 |
| S. Spoonamore | 1,384.70 | 105.93 | | | | 1,490.63 |
| A. Zehel | 4,511.52 | 345.13 | | | | 4,856.65 |
| L. Griffin | 2,113.27 | 161.67 | | | | 2,274.94 |
| C. Zweng | 6,536.35 | 500.03 | | | | 7,036.38 |
| J. Kelly | 853.43 | 65.29 | | | | 918.72 |
| M. Skender | 455.9 | 34.88 | | | | 490.78 |
| A. Simons | 244.7 | 18.72 | | | | 263.42 |
| Senior Transportation Drivers | | | | | | |
| J. Akans | 5,205.75 | 398.24 | | | | 5,603.99 |
| J. Delano | 217.25 | 16.62 | | | | 233.87 |

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OPINIONS

Editorial

School Supt. announces cheating on Savage tests

Although the word "cheating" was never used in a letter School Supt. Michael Van Tassel published on the Van Buren Public Schools web site this week, that's what he described.

The results of his investigation of high M-Step test scores at Savage Elementary school, where he grilled teachers and students, were sent on to the State and the State said there were "testing improprieties," Van Tassel said in his recent, undated letter.

He said the Department of Education Office of Standards and Assessment (OSA) has invalidated all Savage student scores for the 2015 M-Step tests. The Van Buren schools will notify by letter parents of every child affected, invalidating their spring scores, and OSA monitoring will take place at Savage for the 2016 testing year.

According to Van Tassel's letter, OSA praised him and his staff for their "exemplary cooperation" in resolving the issue. He quotes the OSA letter: "It is unfortunate that none of the educational staff in the building came forward in a timely manner which might have allowed time for students to retake the assessments. This aspect of the case will remain troubling."

No teacher said, "We cheated." Is that because they didn't? Parents are not going to believe this assessment. Savage has been forever tainted and many believe it is unwarranted -- and the State was misled.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

Ruth Cassels called to say empty ink cartridges can be dropped off at Savage Elementary School and the money the school gets for turning them in goes to buy books.

She said Owen School also collects the cartridges and the money it gets goes to its library.

She said citizens that don't have kids in schools can help out by contributing ink cartridges.

At the Jan. 12 regular meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, Fire Chief Joe Januszyk told about a mutual aid call his department had a week earlier. He said Sumpter was called for aid by Huron Township FD for a mobile home fire in Swan Creek community on Clark Road.

Chief Januszyk said Sumpter fire fighters got there first, put everything in place for fighting the fire and began fighting the fire -- before Huron even got there.

He said they saved three-quarters of the home and were able to throw protection covers over an antique piece of furniture and save other precious articles.

When board members asked if Sumpter gets any pay for this, Chief Januszyk said no. When a department calls for mutual aid, you go and help without charge and then that department does the same for you when you need help.

He said he knows how it is when you can't get enough fire fighters to respond immediately when needed because that happens to him sometimes, too. He said the fire fighter in charge of that mutual aid response was Township Trustee Don LaPorte and four other fire fighters.



The latest kind of scam call has been reported by Chuck Cholette of Sumpter Township who said a man with a very heavy accent has called him twice to leave a message saying he is from the Federal Grand Jury and he needs Chuck's help to help Chuck.

Chuck doesn't think so and neither do I. If he was needed, he'd get a subpoena or something, not a message on his answering machine that he can hardly make out because of the accent.

Dr. David Wilson gave a presentation on the dangers of coal tar at last week's Homegrown Knowledge event at the Belleville Area District Library. John Juriga, an elected member of the library board, also sits on Belleville's Planning Commission. He said he will make sure the coal tar issue gets on the city's planning commission agenda. That same night, the Sumpter Township Planning Commission also indicated an interest in having an ordinance banning coal tar use for driveway sealing. They'll be inviting Dr. Wilson over to talk to them, too.

Dr. Wilson is happy the local commissions are interested and said now he is looking at Canton Township.

"On the other side of every mountain there is another mountain," he said.

Perry McCall, who used to live in

Sumpter, called just before 11 a.m. Monday to say he was at Briarwood Mall and there were about 50 robins flocked there. And, he said, they were big and fat. Quite a mystery for robins to be out and around with single-digit temperatures.

A reliable source has told me that a 45-caliber automatic handgun was taken from a student at Belleville High School last Friday. The student was taken into custody and now is lodged in Detroit. I'll get more information as I can.


On Monday I talked to Anthony Paluch of T-Rex Arms, the new shooting range going up on the North I-94 Service Drive in VBT. He said getting through all the details at the township is taking longer than he thought, but they're working on it.

Right now, it looks like the sales floor with firearms sales will be open in early February

People should be shooting in the range by April, he said. The range equipment is custom-made so that will take a little time. They've put up a temporary sign of "Coming Soon" so people will know where they are.

"Everybody's excited," he said. "The contractors are chomping at the bit ready to get going."





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— Mark Twain

Letters

Attend school board meetings, see it yourself

To the Editor:

Having attended several school board meetings over the past six months, having FOIA'd considerable information from the Office of the Superintendent and talking to many VB staff members, both past and present, I believe we have a fundamental failure by our current school board.

For some unspoken reason most of our School Board members refuse to seek the information as to the reasons many of our school staff are taking unexpected early retirements, taking jobs in other districts, or simply quitting the VB schools. In Doves!

With the exception of Sherry Frazier who asks perceptive questions (which rarely get an answer), I observe the other Board Members sit in stony silence, refusing to take up any meaningful issue, most recently the issue of personnel exit interviews.

We need to get to the bottom of why we have a mass exodus of our professional and support staff. The Board does not question its only employee, Superintendent Michael Van Tassel, seeking answers for the community.

Maybe we need to replace the four Board Members who are up for re-election this year: Martha Toth, Kevin English, Brent Mikulski and Kelly Owen.

I urge community members to attend School Board meetings. After attending a few meetings to watch our ineffective Board, I expect a ground swell of residents seeking replacement Board members.

Barbara Rogalle Miller
 A Van Buren Resident

I can see why businesses get tired, it's too hard

To the Editor:

So after two years the city has decided to enforce its sign ordinance. Kudos to them. The downside is that if they delivered all of the ordinance to us, they are allowing the community sign to exist against their very own ordinance.

The ordinance in Question is the 3.0 Sign Standards 3.1 2C. Based on this section the DDA Community sign is in violation of this sign Ordinance. Now some could argue that this is covered at 3.1 2E, except for the fact this sign DOES NOT direct traffic.

Let's step even beyond that and look at the attached picture of just one example of public safety signage. Now I was told six weeks ago these signs were in, but are they

up? No. Why? Because it is easier to have people take their signs down for "a Cleaner City wide look." So let's look at that.

From Oct. 28 until Dec. 5 there were leaves at the curb. By the time they were picked up in the South Street area some of these piles were 2 feet high. This is on a main thoroughfare to Main Street!

I always believed in believe nothing you hear and half of what you see. So as people would say things like, "The City doesn't care," "The City doesn't support small business," "The City just looks out for its own interest," I didn't buy into it -- until now.

Take a look at the recent election. It wasn't a landslide in any position. I strongly believe if someone brings not a message of change but a message of progress, the next two council seats could be changed. I'm not sure that's a good thing, but I do see those seats in jeopardy.

When you call for clarification like we tend to do and get misinformation or answers like, "It's fine unless someone complains," then we know there is an issue in the future. We were planning on picnic tables and were told the same thing even though I saw an ordinance saying a permit was needed just like the ordinance saying we couldn't have a flag identical to the three others we saw in our area.

Bottom line, I can see why businesses get tired, it shouldn't be this hard. A number of businesses disappeared off South Street in the last three months, two more making plans to close in other areas by the end of summer and no one even notices. Take it farther, 12 businesses have closed here in the last year being replaced by seven. I'm not a fan of those odds.

Usually when you say you enjoy your community you enjoy all of it. Not here. I saw community service workers clearing Main Street sidewalks while later that night I slid on the snowy sidewalks at Victory Park. We talk all the time about setting yourself up for success, maybe the City should do the same. Look at your whole city not just the parts you want to promote.

Remember, it's the journey not the destination. If your corridor to your diamond in the rough is left unattended your diamond will stay rough, as well. People said South Street was overlooked. Not only is it overlooked, it doesn't even rate a way-finding sign. I just want to say that when you give up on one area of town it will hinder the parts you enjoy.

In the meantime, I will continue to do my best to work with other small businesses because we aren't competitors. We are the foundation the City should build from.

Jeff Vernon
 Sugar Plum Candy Shoppe



"I was married by a judge. I should have asked for a jury."

--Groucho Marx



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Registration open on line for Little League

To the Editor:

Registration for the Van Buren Area Little League 2016 Spring Season is now open on line at www.vanburenarealittleleague.org.

Check on the website, go to registration and set up an account, then simply find your child's division, answer the question and click submit.

Registration fees are posted on the website and include: hat, jersey, pants and belt. VBALL offers T-ball for boys and girls ages 4 to 6, Machine Pitch for boys and girls ages 6 to 8, Minor Baseball for boys 8 to 11 and Minor Softball for girls 8 to 11, Major Softball for girls ages 10 to 12, 50/70 for boys ages 11 to 13, Junior Baseball for

boys ages 13 to 15, Junior Softball for girls 13 to 15, and Senior Baseball for boys ages 16 to 18.

There will also be walk-in dates held at the Wayne County Community College on Haggerty Road on Saturday, Jan. 23, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Wednesday, Feb. 10 from 6 to 8 p.m.; and Saturday, Feb. 20 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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COPY of your child's birth certificate for age verification.

Any questions can be sent to vanburenarealittleleague@yahoo.com.

Thank you and we are looking forward to another great season with some amazing children.

Thank you,
Marc Littleson
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To the Editor:

To Lyle Bodenmiller and Jack Loria: Thank you for being such great neighbors. You have made it possible for me to get out and around in this winter weather. Your snow shoveling is truly appreciated.
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Grant Willis Lindsay

GRANT WILLIS LINDSAY

(September 7, 1938 – January 13, 2016)

Grant Willis Lindsay, 77, of Ann Arbor, MI went peacefully to be with the Lord Wednesday, January 13, 2016 at Select Specialty Hospital, a division of St. Joseph Mercy. Born September 7, 1938 in Saginaw, MI, he was the son of the late Laurie Samuel and Doris Ruth Willis Lindsay and had been the husband of Joyce Ann Borck Lindsay for forty-seven years before her passing in 2000.

Mr. Lindsay was retired from General Motors after thirty-seven and a half years of service and was a member of the UAW. He had also been a veteran of the United States Army National Guard. As a devout Christian, Mr. Lindsay enjoyed reading his bible and recently attending Bethesda Bible Church. He was a member of Zion Lutheran Church.

At an early age he learned to play the organ and continued to find joy in playing throughout his life as well as listening to classical music. Mr. Lindsay also enjoyed doing arts and crafts, shopping and going out to eat with his friends and family. Above all else, he loved to spend time with his family and spoiling his grandchildren, whom he all loved dearly.

Mr. Lindsay was the loving father of Dawn Marie (Daniel) Gilbert and the devoted grandfather to Amanda, Danny and Adam Gilbert, who survive him. He is also survived by a sister, Mary Davis; niece, Theresa Davis and her children, Lindsay Davis-Brady and Liam Davis-Brady; cousins-in-law, William Morgan, Patricia (Desi) Dessaultel and Richard Housewright; and several close friends. Along with his parents and his wife, he was preceded in death by his in-laws, Russell O. Borck, Amanda E. Borck Schneider and Walter W. Schneider; and his aunt, Lorraine Housewright.

The family received friends on Friday, January 15, 2016 from 3 until 8 p.m. at Nie Family Funeral Home, 3767 W. Liberty Road, Ann Arbor. A funeral service took place at the funeral home on Saturday at 10 a.m., with Pastor Dan Robelen officiating. Burial followed with military honors in Bethlehem Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to assist with the education expenses of the grandchildren; or to the Parkinson's or COPD Foundations to aide in research. Please visit www.niefuneralhomes.com to leave a memory.

KENNETH RAY MANGUS

(July 25, 1946 – January 17, 2016)

Age 69, of Van Buren Township. A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24, at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville. Family will welcome friends from noon to 1 p.m.



Matthew Ryan-Finkbeiner
Kingsley

MATTHEW RYAN-FINKBEINER KINGSLEY

(October 25, 1978 – January 4, 2016)

Matthew Ryan-Finkbeiner Kingsley, age 37 of Willis, MI passed away on January 4 2016 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor, MI. He was born on October 25, 1978 in Ypsilanti, MI. He is survived by his mother and step father, Laura Lynn Kingsley (Ron) Delsh, his grandmother Gladys Finkbeiner of Ann Arbor, several aunts, uncles, cousins and many friends, his fiancé David Jenvey of Willis, and his two wild and crazy cats Rocky and Simon. Matthew was preceded in death by his grandparents Harold and Audrey Kingsley, Neil Finkbeiner, and his 7-day-old baby cousin Ashton. Matthew was a member of the Belleville High School class of 1997. He enjoyed being a member of the percussion section in the BHS band. He also proudly served his country in the U.S. Army. Matthew was a registered organ donor. The Gift of Life was able to recover several organs for transplant and scientific research. His rare blood type helped people who had been waiting on the transplant list longer. Matthew had a deep love of cooking and worked as a chef at several local restaurants. He also had a love of animals, doing anything he could to help an animal in need. Matthew also loved all music and going to the movies.

Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764 (734) 697-4500.

A memorial service is planned for Saturday, April 2, 2016 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Livonia, MI. Please see the "Remembering Matthew Kingsley" Facebook page for more info. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate memorial contributions be made to Gift of Life or the Ann Arbor Cat Clinic Adoption Program on Packard Rd.

Please sign his on-line guest book and share a memory for his family to treasure at www.davidcbrownfh.com.



ELMER D. SHELDON

(July 13, 1948 – December 24, 2015)

Elmer D. Sheldon, age 67, of Milan, passed away Thursday, December 24, 2015. He was born July 13, 1948 in Adrian, MI, the son of Leonard and Arlene (Brockway) Sheldon. He served honorably in the U.S. Air Force. Elmer was employed by General Motors Willow Run plant for over 20 years, retiring in 1991. He attended the Ypsilanti Evangelical Friends Church. Elmer was a pilot and enjoyed flying. He also loved to read and study.

Survivors include one daughter Barbara Mottas; one grandson Ryan Mottas; two brothers, Ernest and Ron Sheldon; sister Ronda "Hope" (Chris) Hansen; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister Eunice "Faith" Enteshary-Najafabady. Cremation has taken place. The memorial service was Wednesday December 30, 2015 at Bethesda Bible Church, 1800 S. Huron Street, Ypsilanti. Contributions in his memory may be made to either Hope Clinic or the Salvation Army. Ochalek Stark Funeral Service, Milan.

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Obituaries



David Lynn Nichols



DAVID LYNN NICHOLS

(July 14, 1964 – December 30, 2015)

David Lynn Nichols, age 51, of Belleville, died Wednesday, December 30, 2015, with his loving family at his side. He was born July 14, 1964, in West Branch, Michigan, the son of Donald L. Nichols, Sr. and Janet K. (Crandell) Hooper.

Survivors include his wife of 30 years, Kathleen; his mother, Janet Hooper; his father, Donald L. Nichols, Sr.; one daughter Haley Korotney; sister and brother Pamela (Thomas) Chapman and Don (Kim) Nichols Jr.; several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his son, Chase Nichols.

Cremation has taken place. A Private Family Memorial Service will be held. Arrangements were by Janowiak Funeral Homes.

David was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles #2250 in Ypsilanti. Professionally David put in his time as a welder and a machinist. He served our country in the U.S. Army. In his downtime David loved to cook, fish and hunt. He was the family comedian and always had a joke or a funny story to help lift your spirits and make you laugh. David was our "go-to" guy. If you needed something fixed or built he was the man to get it done. David was always there when you needed him. David was a devoted family man and father and he will be deeply missed by those who loved him.

LINDA R. WYATT

(March 20, 1946 – January 13, 2016)

Linda Rachel Wyatt, age 69, of Van Buren Township, MI, passed away Wednesday, January 13, 2016 at Beaumont Wayne, formerly Oakwood Annapolis Hospital, Wayne, MI. She was born March 20, 1946 in Detroit, MI, daughter of Samuel Charles & Marceline (DeWaegenaere) Ferrara.

Linda was an active member of the Apostolic Tabernacle, Monroe, MI. She enjoyed doing hair and loved watching I Love Lucy.

Linda is survived by sons Joseph (Heather) Wyatt, Jr. of Webberville, MI and James Wyatt of Belleville, MI; 4 grandchildren Ronald Wyatt, Tyler Wyatt, Austin Wyatt and Rachel Wyatt; also, a brother Thomas (Terri) Ferrara of Arizona.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Joseph Wyatt, Sr. on January 18, 2004, also a brother Robert John Ferrara on August 12, 2015.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial celebration of life service will be 4 p.m. Saturday, January 23, 2016 at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764 (734) 697-4500. A gathering will be held 2-4 PM prior to the service. Memorial contributions may be made to the wishes of the family. Please sign her on-line guest book and share a story for her family to cherish at www.davidcbrownfh.com.



Dean M. Payne

DEAN M. PAYNE

(June 12-1934 – January 12, 2016)

Dean M. Payne, age 81, of Van Buren Township, MI, passed away Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at his home. He was born June 12, 1934 in Millbury, Ohio, son of John Howard & Frances (Martin) Payne.

Dean moved to Belleville in 1964 from Morenci, MI. He graduated from Lake High School in 1952. He attended Bowling Green University and received his Masters of Business from University of Michigan. Mr. Payne taught high school for 32 years. He taught at Morenci and Belleville High Schools. He enjoyed fishing, golf, gardening, and wood-working. He also loved playing bass and was self-taught. Dean played with Joyful Noise for numerous years. He was a member of the Belleville Rotary Club and has had perfect attendance since 1967. He was also a member of the Belleville First United Methodist Church.

Mr. Payne is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Alice (Snyder) Payne; 3 children, Connie (David) Purdue of Owosso, MI, Robert (Joannie) Payne of Belleville and Nancy (Robert) Mitchell of Waterford, MI; 5 grandchildren, Beth (Steve) Desch, Matthew (Lindsy) Purdue, Ryan (Lizzie) Payne, Sean (Nicole Tryna) Payne and Kira Mitchell; 6 great-grandchildren Melody, Mercedes, Penelope, Clara, Samantha and Arthur; a sister-in-law Sharon Payne of Millbury, OH; also numerous nieces, nephews and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother Glenn, also his aunts and uncles.

A gathering was held Sunday 1-7 p.m. at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500. A Memorial Service was Monday, January 18, 2016 at 11 a.m. at First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles Street, Belleville, with Rev. Jim Walker officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the First United Methodist Church, Belleville, or to the Food Pantry at the Church and would be greatly appreciated. Please sign his on-line guest book and share a memory for his family to treasure at www.davidcbrownfh.com.

WINFORD LEE EZELL

(May 28, 1944 – January 15, 2016)

Winford Lee Ezell, 71, of Richmond, KY, died Friday, January 15, 2016, at his residence. He was born May 28, 1944 in Memphis, Tennessee, to Alvin and Gladiys Hennessee Ezell.

Winford moved to Richmond eight years ago from Romulus, MI. He retired from GM ground power division after 32 years in Ypsilanti, MI. He loved street rods and semis, but his absolute passion was his wife and family. He will be dearly missed by his family and friends.

Survivors include; his beloved wife, Sharon Marcum Ezell; four sons, Scott Ezell, Clint Ezell, Daniel Ezell, all of Michigan, and Shaun Ezell of Kentucky; two daughters, Tammy Ezell and JoAnna Ezell, both of Kentucky; 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Private family service. Arrangements under the direct care of Coffman Funeral Home & Crematory, Mt. Sterling, KY. Guestbook, at coffmanfuneral.com.



Marjorie B. Spino

MARJORIE B. SPINO

(August 30, 1930 – January 17, 2016)

Marjorie B. Spino, age 85, of Belleville, MI, passed away Sunday, January 17, 2016 at Angela Hospice, Livonia, MI. She was born August 30, 1930 in Applegate, MI, daughter of the late Albert Ferns and Mabel (Carswell) LeCour. She is survived by three children Debra (Wayne) Meier of Milan, MI, Larry (Joan) Spino of Canton, MI and Linda (Scott) Dubois of Saline, MI. Six grandchildren Melissa (Terry), Andrew (Kristen), Joshua (Saundra), Angela, Nichole, Christopher, and nine great grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband Raymond on November 20, 2008. During her career Marjorie served first as a bus driver and later as a safety director for the Van Buren Public School District for 30 years.

A gathering was held 10-11 a.m. Tuesday January 19, 2016 with an 11:00 a.m. Memorial Service at the David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville MI 48111 (734) 697-4500. Pastor Gordon Moore officiated. Interment of cremains will be in Hillside Cemetery, Belleville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice and would be greatly appreciated. Please sign her on-line guest book and share a memory for her family to cherish at www.davidcbrownfh.com.



Victor Parker

VICTOR PARKER

Victor Parker, 64, of Warren, MI previously of Romulus, MI died on December 20, 2015. He is survived by his wife Pam Parker (her children); children Sarah (Kevin) Wilson, Noah Hatton and Rachael (Robert) Druyor and 8 grandchildren; and brother Bernie Parker. He was preceded in death by his parents James and Esther Parker and siblings David, Mary and Londie. A memorial will be held Saturday January 30 at Free Will Baptist Chapel, 302 E. 13 Mile Rd., Madison Heights at 11a.m.

Potato Pancake Supper set at St. John's Lutheran Church on Friday, Jan. 29

A Potato Pancake Supper will be held from 4:30 to 7 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 29, at St. John's Lutheran Church, 28320 Waltz Rd., Waltz.

Donations are \$10 for adults, \$4 for children 6-12, with children five and under eating free. There is no waiting for carry-outs. Sponsored by St. John's Ladies Aid/LWML.

League of Women Voters draws about 40 to informational meeting

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

A crowd of about 40 people from Belleville, Van Buren, and Sumpter came out in sub-freezing temperatures Monday night to learn about the work of the League of Women Voters.

The meeting originally was set for The Something to Talk About restaurant in the former Paula's location in Belle Plaza shopping center, but on Friday that restaurant closed.

Gina Hamilton of The Q Banquet and Event Center, next door to the restaurant at 879 Sumpter Road, opened her doors to the meeting.

For a new League of Women Voters to organize, it has to be mentored by another league and the Northwest Wayne County chapter is Belleville's mentor.

Angela Ryan of Livonia, president of Northwest Wayne, and Paula Bowman of Plymouth Township, vice president of Northwest, were present Monday to explain the procedure, along with state vice president Christina Schlitt of Grosse Pointe.

Eight people wrote checks for \$60 each to be members of the mentor league and five or six said they didn't bring their checkbooks and will send in their dues later. (They explained that the bulk of that amount goes to the national LWV and a portion to the state LWV, with just \$5 going to the local unit.)

The minimum number for a LWV chapter is ten, so Belleville is close to qualifying.

Barbara Miller, Belleville attorney who invited the LWV into Belleville for this meeting, said she was glad there was such widespread interest from all three communities and that such insightful questions were asked. She said she was especially glad that so many people joined.

Schlitt said the LWV will be 96 years old next month. It started out as a suffragette organization and then when women got the vote it switched to working "for providing stronger, healthier, more-vibrant education on issues and candidates."

She said it provides non-political, unbiased information for voters.

Bowman said one of the first things the mentor group will do, once the Belleville group has 10 members, is to help set up voter services for this geographical area.

That includes voter guides for the elections coming up – two townships and the school board – and candidate forums.

Miller asked if the forums will be filmed and Bowman said they would. Bowman said they hire a young man and he films the forums and posts them on a You Tube link. It also is available to local cable channels, but she said Comcast no longer is very cooperative.

Miller asked how much they paid the

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Belleville LWV

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person who filmed the forums and she was told they pay the young man \$100, but some chapters have people in their membership who know how to do that and so they pay nothing.

Bowman said when you film a forum you don't feel bad that only ten people showed up in the audience because you know others will see it later.

"The league is all about fairness," Bowman said, noting every candidate is asked the same question and each has the same amount of time to respond. Most of the questions come from the audience, written on cards, and they go through two "screeners," who take out personal attacks and make sure the question hasn't been answered already. Then, the questions are handed to the moderator to ask the candidates.

Most of the LWV guides these days are accessed online, but some people prefer paper guides so they continue to print a

reduced number and leave them at libraries for pick up by voters.

Because of state law recently signed by the governor there is some question whether they will be able to leave these guides at libraries, or any other public unit, 60 days before an election.

Van Buren Township Clerk Leon Wright said there also is a question whether the candidate forums could be shown on public cable TV 60 days before an election.

There was a lot of discussion on Senate Bill 571 that the LWV believes is an "anti-democratic bill" that takes away straight-party voting and limits information 60 days before an election.

Bills are being introduced to fix the problem and law suits are being filed. The LWV believes it will be solved by the courts.

Schlitt said "Making Democracy Work" is this year's national goal for the LWV.

"This is the worst I've ever seen it," Ryan said of introduction of laws making it more difficult to vote. "Rights are being taken away and it's not the time to coast."

The local LWVs, made up of volunteers, have no offices or phone numbers. Belleville's mentor LWV, the Northwest Wayne County president Ryan can be reached at cruiserryan@ameritech.net and vice president Bowman is at paulabowman9000@gmail.com.

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Welcome, Jackson Claude Watson

Nick and Katie (Curson) Watson of Ypsilanti announce the birth of their first child, a son, Jackson Claude Watson on Dec. 12, 2015 at 5:01 p.m. at University of Michigan Hospital, Ann Arbor. Jackson weighed 9 pounds, 3 ounces, and measured 20.25 inches long. Grandparents are Dave and Sharon Curson of Belleville and Harry and Becky Watson of St. Clair. Jackson Claude's middle name came from his mother Katie's older brother, Dave Claude. Katie originally is from Belleville.

Sumpter Township Seniors to celebrate Walter Krakowiak's 100th birthday

The community is invited to a celebration of the 100th birthday of Walter Krakowiak of Willis Road from 1 to 3 p.m. on Jan. 22 at the Sumpter Community Center gymnasium. For more information, call the senior center at (734) 461-9373.

VBT DDA to take part in Expo in Southgate

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More Letters

Thanks for all who helped our Cookie Walk

To the Editor:

Every December, St. Anthony's Parish of

Belleville hosts a Cookie Walk.

There are professional bakers and domestic goddesses who devote their time and talent in creating Christmas cookies, from gingerbread men to Santa and this year's Minions. For a very sweet tooth, our fudge candies have become very well received.

The generosity of donations enabled us to donate tins of cookies and candy to the Men in Blue of Belleville and Van Buren Township in our police departments and

our firemen, too!

Thank you to all who participated and join us next year to continue our tradition, for all are welcome.

Proceeds from this sale enables St. Anthony Parish to help those in need throughout the year in our community.

Please join us next year and Happy 2016 to all.

Carol Ann Pesta

St. Anthony Parish Representative
Belleville

Come to our monthly, free dinner of fellowship

To the Editor:

I have noticed a tendency in our society as a whole and Belleville in particular. More and more I see that we are insulating ourselves from one another. I dare say that many of us do not know our neighbors. We may know a name or a face but we don't really know each other anymore.

I don't know all of the reasons that we have become so insulated from one another, but I recognize the trend. I believe one of the values that we have in Belleville is that we want to know our friends and neighbors on a deeper level.

Rather than curse the darkness, I'm going to light a candle. We will put on a monthly free dinner for any and all who wish to come and join us. We will offer our first free dinner on Wednesday, January 27, 2016 from 6 to 7 p.m. We will be serving the dinner on the lower level of the church.

Come and join us, we'd enjoy serving you.

Sincerely,

Rev. Jim Walker

Belleville First United Methodist Church
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More Letters

Thanks to all who support Sumpter Srs.

To the Editor:

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Mary Ann Watson & the Seniors
Sumpter Township

Deputy Director Dan Besson earns MS degree

To the Editor:

It is with great pride to announce that Deputy Director Daniel C. Besson has satisfactorily completed the requirement for the degree of Master of Science with a major in Technology Studies Homeland Security and Emergency Management on Dec. 18, 2015.

Besson graduated with a 3.87 GPA and was one of seven students spotlighted in the University President Commencement address at the Convocation Center on the campus of Eastern Michigan University.

This has been a long-term goal and huge accomplishment for Deputy Director Besson. He attended EMU's School of Fire Staff and Command program in 2007, and received his undergraduate Bachelor's Degree in Public Safety Administration.

Proudly submitted,
Gregory M. Laurain
Director of Public Safety
Van Buren Township

VBT Police report robbery and carjacking at Lake Villa Apartments

Van Buren Township Police are asking for the public's help in the investigation of a robbery/carjacking that took place about 11:45 p.m. Friday in the parking lot of the Lake Villa Apartment complex.

The victim, a resident of the complex, told police that while he was parking his vehicle he was approached by three black male suspects, two of whom pointed handguns at him demanding keys to his vehicle.

Public Safety Director Gregory Laurain said, in a news release, that the suspects

also demanded the victim's cell phone which he turned over to them to avoid being harmed.

The three suspects are described as black males, slim build, short hair, and about 6' to 6'2" in height.

The victim was unharmed and his vehicle was later recovered unoccupied in Ypsilanti.

Anyone with information regarding this crime is urged to contact Van Buren Police Investigative Bureau at (734) 699-8915.



City of Belleville Public Notice



NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2016

To the Qualified Electors of Belleville – Wayne County

Notice is hereby given that Monday, February 8, 2016 is the last day to register to vote or change your address for the above stated election.

If you are currently registered to vote or have changed your address in the above stated jurisdiction in which you live, you may do so at the following locations and times listed in this notice.

Qualified electors may also register to vote or change their address in the following manners:

In Person:

At the City Hall clerk's office or at the office of any county clerk during normal business hours.

At any Secretary of State Branch offices located throughout the state during normal business hours.

At the specified agency for clients receiving services through the Family Independence Agency, the Department of Community Health, Michigan Jobs Commission and some offices of the Commission for the Blind.

At the military recruitment offices for persons enlisting in the armed forces.

By Mail:

By obtaining and completing a Mail Voter Registration Application and forwarding the election official as directed on the application by the close of registration deadline. Mail voter registration applications may be obtained by contacting:

Lisa Long, City Clerk
734 697-9323 ext. 7010
6 Main Street
Belleville, MI 48111

Note: A person who registers to vote by mail is required to vote in person unless they have previously voted in person in the City/Township where they live or are at least 60 years of age or are handicapped.

Qualifications for registration

1. Applicant is at least 18 years of age.
2. Resident of Belleville for at least 30 days.
3. Citizen of the United States.

APPLICATIONS FOR ABSENTEE VOTER BALLOTS are available at the City Clerk's office, 6 Main Street, Belleville, MI 48111. Deadline for filing an application to receive an Absentee Ballot for the March 8, 2016 Presidential Primary Election is Saturday, March 5, 2016 from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. at the City Clerk's office.

Lisa Long,
City Clerk

Publish: January 21, 2016

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p.m. through Feb. 22, Winter Tuesday for Toddlers is for 2-4 year olds every Tuesday at 11 a.m. through Feb. 23, and Winter Thursday Toddler Times, also at 11 a.m. Call (734) 699-3291.

West Branch Builders owner Tim Bowman has more than 37 years of doing business in the Belleville community. Bowman is licensed and insured and offers

services to residential and commercial businesses. Call (734) 476-1098.

Tickets are now on sale for **Mardi Gras 2016** on Saturday, Feb. 20, at the **Van Buren Eagles** on Beck Road. Tickets for the all-you-can-eat buffet dinner are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door, if there are any left. Music will be provided by Monsieur Guillaume and his Zydeco Hopcats. The event is open to the public. For tickets and reservations call **Keith Bruder** at (734) 461-2498.

Our Father's Child Day Care on South Street near 5-Points is holding a **Family Fun Day** event today, Jan. 21, at 4:30 p.m. featuring story time reading with Belleville's author **Marian Caldwell**, art projects, games of kids against parents, and other fun activities. The event is free and open to children through preschool. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Call **Dorene Mroz** at (734) 697-2985.

Some of you readers received an insert in today's paper from Tornado's Pizza and some didn't. The reason is the customer

didn't run a full 7,000 papers with us. We can do our best to target certain areas that way and we can do the same for you. The minimum cost is \$50 per 1,000 inserts (all 7,000 newspapers for \$325) and we can do our best to distribute them wherever you'd like within our delivery system throughout the tri-community. To learn more about inserts, call me at (734) 699 9020.

Fat Tuesday: Rotarians to host annual buffet

For the eighth year, the Belleville Rotary Club is inviting the public to its Italian Dinner Buffet on Fat Tuesday, Feb. 9, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Van Buren Eagles, 9961 Beck Road.

The Rotarians are cooking up a host of Mediterranean delights for hungry diners. This delicious pre-Lenten meal features soup, salads, a pasta bar with several sauces including meat and vegetarian. Soda and paczki will also be available – sold separately. Tickets at \$12 for adults and \$6 for children 12 and under can be purchased from any Rotarian, or at the door. Carry-outs will be available.



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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING USE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, and County of Wayne, Michigan, 48111 on **Tuesday, February 2, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.** and **Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.** regarding the proposed use of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. The following projects are being proposed for the use of these federal funds for the period beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017:

OBJECTIVES:

- To provide the benefits of using CDBG funding directly to persons of low- to moderate-income and/or areas where 51% of the residents are of low- to moderate-income.
- To reduce negative environmental impacts.
- To maintain a high level of performance in the management of CDBG non-federally funded programs.
- To improve the quality of life for low- to moderate-income persons.
- To create affordable housing for low-income households.

ESTIMATED FUNDING

\$119,173
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\$ 3,889

PROPOSED PROJECTS

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Youth Services
Senior Services
Planning
Administration

(Combined total of Planning and Administration cannot exceed 10% of total allocation)

The following items are contingent upon the availability of funds and may vary depending upon:

- The repayment of prior Housing Rehabilitation loans and Demolitions through lien pay-offs.

\$ 5,000 Program Income (Housing Rehabilitation)

\$163,896 Total Proposed Allocation (estimate)

Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 4:00 p.m., the hearing dates.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should contact the Planning and Economic Development Department at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting to request accommodations.

Posted: January 14, 2016
Published: January 21, 2016



City of Belleville Public Notice



CITY OF BELLEVILLE

COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON AMENDMENT TO DEVELOPMENT AND TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PLAN FOR THE BELLEVILLE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS IN THE CITY OF BELLEVILLE:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of the City of Belleville, Michigan, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, the 16th day of February, 2016 AT 7:30 O'CLOCK, P.M., REVAILING Eastern Time at City Hall, 6 Main Street, Belleville, Michigan to consider the adoption of an ordinance approving an amendment to the Development and Tax Increment Financing Plan for Belleville Downtown Development Authority pursuant to Act 197 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1975, as amended.

The boundaries of the development area to which the Plan Amendment applies are as follows:

The Development Area generally includes Victoria Commons Subdivision and the downtown commercial district of Belleville along Main Street and along First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth and Liberty Streets, High Street north of Edison Avenue and the property between the Lake and High Street, South Street north of the railroad right-of-way and the abutting commercial and office properties, the senior citizen housing development south of West Columbia Avenue, East Columbia Avenue and the Industrial Park area.

Copies of the proposed amendment to the Development and Tax Increment Financing Plan, maps, plats, etc. are on file at the office of the City Clerk for inspection.

At the public hearing, all interested persons desiring to address the City Council shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard in regard to the approval of the Development and Tax Increment Financing Plan for the Belleville Downtown Development Authority and all aspects of the Plan will be open for discussion at the public hearing.

FURTHER INFORMATION may be obtained from the City Clerk's office. This notice is given by order of the City Council of the City of Belleville, Michigan.

Lisa Long, City Clerk
City of Belleville

Publish: January 21, 2016, January 28, 2016

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Upcoming Meetings

• Monday, Jan. 25 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education work/study session, 7 p.m., Administration Building. Topics will include discussion of the National

Climate Survey of staff members.

• Tuesday, Jan. 26 – Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m.

• Monday, Feb. 1 – Van Buren Township work/study session, 4 p.m. Also, Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m.,

BHS Commons. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

• Tuesday, Feb. 2 – Van Buren Township regular board meeting, 7 p.m.

• Thursday, Feb. 4 – Keystone Academy school board, 6 p.m.

• Tuesday, Feb. 9 – Sumpter Township

work/study at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Board of Zoning Appeals, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7:30 p.m.

• Thursday, Feb. 11 – Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 7 p.m. (optional) Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Zoning Appeals will hold public hearings on **Tuesday, February 9th, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.**, in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, Michigan to review the following variance requests:

1. **16-001:** A request by Menard, Inc, parcel tax ID number V-125-83-061-99-0005-721, for variance requests from the following sections of the Charter Township of Van Buren Zoning Ordinance, 06-02-92, as amended:
 - a. **Article 13, Section 13.03(c)(5): All materials stored outdoors shall not be piled to a height of more than 6 feet.** The proposed height of the uncovered materials stored outdoors on the south side of the building is 14 feet.
 - b. **Article 4, Section 4.23 (Total Signage): The total permitted area of outdoor signage is 339 square feet.** The proposed signage is 742.3 square feet – 652.3 sq. ft. of signage proposed on the principal building and 90 sq. ft. of signage proposed on the monument sign.
 - c. **Article 4, Section 4.23 (Building Wall Signage): The total permitted area of wall signage on a building is 200 sq. ft.** The proposed wall signage on the principal building is 652.3 sq. ft.
 - d. **Article 4, Section 4.23 (Directional Signage): Directional signage is permitted, provided they do not exceed 6 sq. ft. in area of 4 feet in height.** 1 "IN" and 2 "OUT" signs are proposed to be 17.5 feet high, 1 lumber yard entrance sign and 1 thank you sign are proposed to be 24 sq. ft. and 19 feet high, and 16 cart corral signs are proposed to be 8 sq. ft. and 6.5 feet high.
2. **16-002:** A request by Paul Taylor at 40977 Riggs Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111 for a variance from the following section of the Charter Township of Van Buren Zoning Ordinance, 06-02-92, as amended:
 - a. **Article 4, Section 4.14(b)(1)(d)(2) (Accessory Building Lot Coverage): Total allowable lot coverage for accessory buildings on the property is 1625.6 square feet.** Property has a 484 square foot accessory building existing and the applicant is proposing to construct a 1920 square foot accessory building for a total of 2404 square feet (778.4 square foot variance).

Written comments will be accepted by the Planning and Economic Development Department until 4:00 p.m. on the date of the above referenced public hearing. You can contact the Planning and Economic Development Department at (734) 699-8913.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodations will be made available with advance notice.

Posted: January 19th, 2016
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"You can observe a lot just by watching."
– Yogi Berra



Sumpter Township Public Notice



TOWNSHIP OF SUMPTER NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing for the Community Development Block Grant Program is scheduled for February 9, 2016 at the Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111 at 6:00 p.m. For the purpose of:

Receiving comments and suggestions regarding the 2016-2017 Community Development Block Grant program. These suggestions must identify and benefit community development or housing needs of low and moderate income residents.

The following is the estimate allocation for 2016-2017 funds:

| | |
|------------------------------------|--------------|
| Administration (21A): | \$ 8,116.05 |
| Senior Services (grass/snow) (05): | \$ 12,300.00 |
| Housing Rehabilitation (14A): | \$ 20,000.00 |
| Demolitions (04): | \$ 40,744.48 |

Total 2016-2017 CDBG Projects \$81,160.53

Persons with disabilities who require auxiliary aids or services in using public facilities, services or program along with further information is available by contacting the Supervisor of the Township of Sumpter at 734-461-6201 ext 2229.

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

Notice of Advertisement

Seeking Demolition Bids. The Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, MI will receive bids for the demolition, removal, and disposal of the **Stage in Van Buren Park**, which is located on the south side of S. I-94 Service Drive between Rawsonville Road and Denton Road in Van Buren Township. The coordinates of the Stage are 42°12'54.6"N 83°32'03.4"W. The building is owned by the Charter Township of Van Buren. Bid forms and demolition work specifications are available at the Office of the Township Clerk, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111, from 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Monday – Friday or on the Township website at www.vanburen-mi.org. Bids shall be submitted to the Clerk's Office by **11:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 4, 2016** and will be publicly opened immediately following the closing of the bid. A mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting will take place at **1:00 p.m. on Friday, January 29, 2016 at the site at the Stage**. The Township reserves the right to reject any and all bids and reserves the right not to award a contract. Van Buren Township is an equal opportunity employer. This project will be funded with federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds.

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Birthdays

Jan. 12 – Sumpter Police Chief James Pierce
 Jan. 22 – Walter Krakowiak
 Jan. 29 – Pete Pitzen

Anniversaries

Jan. 23 – Bob and Millie Sheldon, 55 years

“Out of clutter, find simplicity.”
 – Albert Einstein

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION TUESDAY MARCH 8, 2016

To the Qualified Electors of CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN – WAYNE COUNTY

Notice is hereby given that Monday, February 8 2016 is the last day to register to vote or change your address for the above stated election.

The March 8, 2016 Presidential Primary Election will be conducted in all voting precincts of the Charter Township of Van Buren for the purpose of nominating candidates for the following office:

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Republican Candidates

| | |
|-----------------|----------------|
| Marco Rubio | Ted Cruz |
| Rick Santorum | Carly Fiorina |
| Donald J. Trump | Lindsey Graham |
| Jeb Bush | Mike Huckabee |
| Ben Carson | John R. Kasich |
| Chris Christie | George Pataki |
| Rand Paul | Uncommitted |

Democratic Candidates

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|--------------------------------|
| Roque Rocky De La Fuente |
| (Formerly: Roque De La Fuente) |
| Martin J. O’Malley |
| Bernie Sanders |
| Hillary Clinton |
| Uncommitted |

A sample of the ballot may be obtained at the Van Buren Township Clerk’s Office or on the Township website www.vanburen-mi.org .

If you are not currently registered to vote or have changed your address in the above stated jurisdiction in which you live, you may do so at the following locations and times listed in this notice.

Qualified electors may also register to vote or change their address in the following manners:

In Person:

At the township clerk’s office or at the office of any county clerk during normal business hours.
 At any of the Secretary of State Branch offices located throughout the state during normal business hours.
 At the specified agency for clients receiving services through the Family Independence Agency, the Department of Community Health, Michigan Jobs Commission and some offices of the Commission for the Blind.
 At the military recruitment offices for persons enlisting in the armed forces.

By Mail:

By obtaining and completing a Mail Voter Registration Application and forwarding to the election official as directed on the application by the close of registration deadline. Mail voter registration applications may be obtained by contacting:

VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP CLERK
 46425 TYLER RD.
 VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP, MI 48111
 734.699.8909

Qualifications for Registration

- Applicant is at least 18 years of age.
- Resident of Van Buren Township for at least 30 days.
- Citizen of the United States.

Note: A Person who registers to vote by mail is required to vote in person unless they have previously voted in person or are at least 60 years of age or are handicapped.

Applications for Absentee Voter Ballots are available at the Clerk’s Office. The deadline for filing an application to receive an Absentee Ballot for the March 8, 2016 Election is Saturday, March 5, 2016 until 2:00 p.m. at the Clerk’s office.

Leon Wright
 Township Clerk

City of Belleville Public Notice

POLICE VEHICLE AUCTION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE UNDERSIGNED THAT ON Friday, January 29, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at J&T Towing, 287 Industrial Park Drive, County of Wayne, Michigan, a public sale of the following vehicles will be held:

2008 FORD, TWO DOOR, VIN: 1FAHP33NX8W231574
 2003 FORD, FOUR DOOR, VIN: 1FAPP53U03A133024

| | | |
|----------|------------------|------------------------------|
| DATE: | JANUARY 13, 2016 | BELLEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT |
| | | 6 MAIN STREET |
| PUBLISH: | JANUARY 21, 2016 | BELLEVILLE, MICHIGAN 48111 |

Sumpter Township Public Notice

Sumpter Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes December 8, 2015

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm, showing present: Supervisor J. Morgan, Clerk C. Hoffman, Treasurer Bates, Trustees Swinson, LaPorte, P. Morgan, Oddy. Also present: Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk J. Hoffman and approximately 15 residents.

3. Agenda: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to approve agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Public comments on agenda items only

5. Minutes:

A. Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by Oddy to approve minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of November 24, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Warrants: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Bates to approve warrants totaling \$174,507.09. Roll call vote: Yes: J. Morgan, C. Hoffman, Bates, Oddy, Swinson, LaPorte, P. Morgan. Nay:None. Motion carried unanimously.

A. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by C. Hoffman to approve paying all bills for the month of December 2015. Roll call vote: Yes: J. Morgan, C. Hoffman, Bates, Swinson, LaPorte, P. Morgan, Oddy. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Water & Sewer Report-Bates: Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by Swinson to approve Water & Sewer Report. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Police Report-Pierce: Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by Swinson to approve Police Report. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Building/Ordinance Report-J. Morgan: Motion by Oddy, supported LaPorte to approve Building/Ordinance Report. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Fire Report- Januszyk- Motion by P. Morgan, support by Swinson to approve Fire Report. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Treasurer’s Report-Bates: Motion by LaPorte, supported by C. Hoffman to approve Treasurer’s Report. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Supervisor’s Report-J. Morgan: Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by Swinson to approve Supervisor’s Report. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Attorney’s Report-Young: No Report

14. Board Response

15. New Business:

A. Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by Bates to approve Second Reading of the Amended Caregiver Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to approve the Township Hall being closed from December 24, 2015 to January 3, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by Swinson to approve the procedures regarding Narcan (Naloxone). Motion carried unanimously.

D. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Bates to approve reappointing Board of Review members Jennifer Massel, Brenda Bukis, Karen Woodington (alt.), terms to expire January 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

16. Announcements: Treasurer’s Office will be open on December 31, 2015 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

17. Open Floor

18. Adjournment: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by C. Hoffman to adjourn at 6:58 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
 Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk

Certification
 I, Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk of Sumpter Township, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of minutes taken at a Regular Board Meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees on December 8, 2015 at 6:30 pm at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111, County of Wayne, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meeting Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be available as required by said act.
 Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk
 Publish: January 21, 2016

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 12, 2016

Supervisor Combs called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor Combs, Treasurer Budd, Clerk Wright, Trustee Hart, Trustee Jahr and Trustee Miller. Absent/Excused: Trustee McClanahan. Others in attendance: Secretary Montgomery, Planning and Economic Development Director Akers, Planning and Economic Development Deputy Director Best, Assessing Coordinator Stevenson and an audience of eight (8). Supervisor Combs thanks the Board and members of the community for their support, letters and prayers for her family during her leave of absence.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the agenda. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Hart moved, Wright seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. [Work Study Session Minutes of

December 14, 2015; Closed Session Minutes of December 14, 2015; Board Meeting Minutes of December 15, 2015; Prepaid List of December 17, 2015; Prepaid List of December 23, 2015; Prepaid List of January 7, 2016; Voucher List of January 12, 2016; Adoption of Resolution 2016-01, 2016 Board of Review Poverty Exemption Guidelines; Approval of the reappointments of Charles Coleman, Kimberly Nofz and Tammy Wall to the Recreation Committee with terms to expire February 1, 2017; Approval of the appointment of Betty Neill and the reappointments of Vera Ireland, Mary Korgal, Margaret Thompson and Helen Wylie to the September Days Senior Endowment Committee with terms to expire January 15, 2018]. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: Hart moved, Miller seconded to open the public hearing at 7:05 p.m. to (1) receive public comment on the request by Mayser Polymer USA, Inc. to establish Industrial Development District #17 and (2) to receive public comment on the request by Mayser Polymer USA, Inc. for an Industrial Facilities Exemption. Roll Call Vote. Motion Carried. The applicant, a German Manufacturer of mostly technical products has light manufacturing and an assembly of safety sensors for the automotive industry. They are

currently located off Michigan Ave. in Canton and is interested in establishing a 50,000 sq. ft. facility in the Township on 14.58 acres located in the Industrial Park area on Schooner Dr. with potential future expansion to 200,000 sq. ft. The applicant is requesting an Industrial Facilities Exemption for nine (9) years. Resident John Delaney expressed concern regarding the points awarded the applicant under the Charter Township of Van Buren Tax Abatement Guidelines. Board members discussed points awarded to determine years of eligibility for abatement. Budd moved, Hart seconded to close the public hearing at 7:46 p.m. Roll Call Vote. Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Mr. Bill VanWinkle provided a brief presentation on the Lions Club. He is working to establish a Lions Club chapter that encompasses the City of Belleville, Van Buren Township and Sumpter Township. The public is invited to attend an informational meeting at the Chamber of Commerce, 248 Main St. in Belleville at 6:30 p.m. January 19th, 2016.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Wright moved, Hart seconded to approve the Stormwater Maintenance Agreement with

Costco Wholesale at 5860 Belleville Rd. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Combs, Hart, Budd, Miller. Nays: Jahr. Absent/Excused: McClanahan. Motion Carried.

Hart moved, Miller seconded to approve the Stormwater Maintenance Agreement with Bellevue Commercial at 10705 Belleville Rd. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Combs, Hart, Budd, Miller. Nays: Jahr. Absent/Excused: McClanahan. Motion Carried.

REPORTS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Supervisor Combs announced vacancies on the Water and Sewer Commission and Recreation committee and encouraged interested resident to apply. Applications are available on the Townships website and at the Supervisor's office. Clerk Wright announced the Township administrative offices will be closed on Monday January 18, 2016 in observance of Martin Luther King Day; applications to request an absentee ballot for the March 8, 2016 Primary Election have been mailed to all registered voters on the permanent absentee list and gave a brief overview of recently passed State Election law changes.

NON AGENDA: Resident commented on a desire for the Board to consider a squatters ordinance and review ways to identify utility theft.

ADJOURNMENT: Hart moved, Budd seconded to adjourn at 8:17 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk

Linda Combs, Supervisor

Published: January 21 2016

Sumpter Township Public Notice

Township of Sumpter Notice to Electors Close of Registration

To the Qualified Electors of the Township of Sumpter, Wayne County, Michigan. Notice is hereby given that **Monday, February 8, 2016 is the Last Day** to register for the March 8, 2016 Presidential Primary Election. The Township of Sumpter Clerk's office, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111 will be open from **8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.** for the purpose of receiving applications of qualified electors in the Township of Sumpter who are not already registered. If you are not currently registered to vote in the Township of Sumpter at your present address, you may do so in any of the following ways:

In Person:

- At the Sumpter Township Clerk's Office, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111 Monday-Friday, 8:30-4:30 p.m.
- At any Secretary of State Branch Office during normal business hours.

Obtain Forms Online

- Mail-in Voter Registration Applications may be obtained here: www.Michigan.gov/vote

By Mail:

- By obtaining and completing a Mail-in Voter Registration Application and returning it to Sumpter Township Clerk's office by the close of registration deadline, FEBRUARY 8, 2016.

Sumpter Township Clerk
Clarence J. Hoffman Jr.
23480 Sumpter Road
Belleville, MI 48111-9600
734-461-6201

THE MARCH 8, 2016 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION WILL BE CONDUCTED IN ALL VOTING PRECINCTS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SUMPTER FOR THE PURPOSE OF VOTING FOR CANDIDATES SEEKING NOMINATION TO THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

Republican Candidates:

Jeb Bush
Ben Carson
Chris Christie
Ted Cruz
Carly Fiorina
Lindsey Graham
Mike Huckabee
John R. Kasich
George Pataki
Rand Paul
Marco Rubio
Rick Santorum
Donald J. Trump
Uncommitted

Democratic Candidates:

Hillary Clinton
Roque Rocky De La Fuente formerly Roque De La Fuente
Martin J. O'Malley
Bernie Sanders
Uncommitted

Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Friday, Jan. 22** – Come help Walter Krakowiak celebrate his 100th birthday from 1-3 p.m. at the Sumpter Community Center gymnasium. For more information, call the seniors at (734) 461-9373.

• **Saturday, Jan. 23** – State Rep. Kristy Pagan will hold her coffee hour at 10 a.m. at Leo's Coney Island, 9624 Belleville Road in Van Buren Township. Tell her your concerns.

• **Saturday, Jan. 23** – The annual meeting of the Friends of Belleville Area District Library runs from 1 to 3 p.m. at the library and everyone is welcome. The library architect will be on hand to explain plans for a new building.

• **Saturday, Jan. 23** – The annual Wild Game benefit dinner at the Wayne County Fairgrounds begins at 6:15 p.m., doors open at 5:30 p.m. Presale tickets are \$30; at the door \$35. All proceeds go to the upkeep of the fairgrounds, 10871 Quirk Rd. Information: (734) 942-1684

• **Sunday, Jan. 24** – St. Anthony Catholic Church's Boy Scout Troop 793 invites you to an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast fund raiser at the church's cafeteria, 409 W. Columbia Ave., 9 a.m. to noon. Includes 3 sausages, milk/juice or coffee. Adults \$6; children 6 and under free.

• **Monday, Jan. 25** – State Rep. Kristy Pagan will hold her coffee hour at 7 p.m. at Panera Bread, 41950 Ford Road in Canton. Tell her your concerns.

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 559 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police this week, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, Jan. 10:
0023 – property damage accident, Bemis Rd. / Rawsonville Rd.
0121 – assault & battery, W. Huron River Dr.
0236 – suspicious person, Belleville
0436 – malicious destruction of property, Riggs Rd
0640 – disturbance, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0838 – suspicious situation, Savage Rd.
0852 – property damage accident, Hannan/Ecorse
0923 – property damage, Meijer/Belleville
1007 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr./Belleville Rd.
1008 – malicious destruction of property, Daniel
1130 – private property accident, W. Walden
1134 – property damage accident, WB I-94/rest area
1155 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / E. Huron River Dr.
1207 – malicious destruction of property, Van Buren St.
1218 – personal injury accident, Rawsonville/EB I-94
1404 – fraud, Belleville
1503 – private property accident, Belleville Rd.
1529 – operating while intoxicated, Belleville/I-94
1554 – property damage accident, Martz Rd. / Rawsonville Rd.
1614 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Martz Rd.
1809 – missing person, Parkwood Dr.
1959 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr./Ryznar Dr.
Monday, Jan. 11:
0720 – vehicle repossession, N. Woodbury
0759 – intrusion alarm, Brookside Dr.
0810 – personal injury accident, Lohr Rd./Bemis
0929 – vehicle repossession, Van Buren Ln.
0940 – personal injury accident, Belleville/Tyler
1105 – larceny, Park Estates
1153 – suspicious situation, Savage/Martinsville
1227 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Tyler
1258 – property damage accident, Tyler/Haggerty
1321 – larceny, Brandi
1627 – breaking & entering, Monterey Dr.
1647 – fraud, Prairie Ct.
1652 – suspicious person, Lake Crest Dr.
1715 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Sheldon
1810 – suspicious vehicle, Sumpter
1801 – assault & battery, Rose Blvd.
1824 – fraud, Hampton Dr.
1827 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Haggerty
1855 – property damage accident, Belleville/Yost
1947 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
2014 – family trouble, N. Woodbury
2037 – shots fired, Haggerty Rd./Alden Ave.
2113 – property damage accident, Van Buren Plaza
2211 – vehicle repossession, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2342 – suspicious situation, Marlowe Ave.
Tuesday, Jan. 12:
0134 – property damage accident, Michigan / Ecorse
0838 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Haggerty Rd.
1010 – ordinance violation, Lindsey Dr.
1043 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.
1129 – fraud, Denton Rd.
1137 – property damage accident, Morton Taylor Rd. / Ecorse Rd.
1423 – assault & battery, Denton Rd.
1430 – malicious destruction of property, Barnwell
1729 – water leak found, W. Walden Dr.
1734 – property damage accident, EB I-94 / Belleville Rd.
1903 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Haggerty Rd.
1908 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
2034 – suspicious person, Belleville Manor
2347 – vehicle recession, Parkwood Dr.
Wednesday, Jan. 13:
0723 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
1041 – assault & battery, Jackson St.
1053 – fraud, North Shore Dr.
1157 – larceny, Park Estates
1232 – personal injury accident, I-94/Belleville
1324 – harassment call, Brandi
1410 – private property accident, Belleville Rd.
1609 – trespassing, Parkwood Dr.
1612 – harassment call, Maple
1713 – property damage accident, Hannan Rd./S. I-94 Service Dr.
1730 – fight, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1750 – trespassing, Belleville Rd., cancelled
1859 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr./Denton Rd.
1922 – missing person, Van Buren St.
1931 – assault & battery, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2022 – mental, Westlake
2141 – intimidation threat, Westlake
2240 – property damage accident, Tyler/Haggerty
2259 – assault & battery, Van Buren St.
Thursday, Jan. 14:
0037 – trespassing, Maple Dr.
0438 – property damage accident, Rawsonville / Grove
0616 – vehicle repossession, Marina, cancelled
0728 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
0745 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr./Haggerty
1049 – abandoned auto, Crossroads
1120 – trespassing, Robbe Rd./Haggerty Rd.
1213 – traffic hazard, N. I-94/EQ
1511 – intimidation threat, Huron River Dr.
1634 – harassment call, Lakeview Ct.
1754 – private property accident, Belleville Rd.
2040 – retail fraud, Belleville
2103 – disturbance, Meadows Ln.
2234 – noise complaint, Pebblebrook Dr.
2259 – disorderly conduct, Landmark
Friday, Jan. 15:
1001 – private property accident, Van Born
1040 – personal injury accident, WB I-94 / Belleville
1112 – larceny from auto, Ironwood Dr.
1223 – agency assist, S. Industrial
1240 – property check, Riggs Heritage Park
1406 – private property incident, Pebblebrook Dr.
1532 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. /Cracker Barrel
1609 – operating while intoxicated, Belleville
1704 – property damage accident, Comerica
1712 – property damage accident, E. Huron River Dr. / Haggerty Rd.
1803 – motorist assist, Five Points
2052 – agency assist, W. Columbia Ave.
2126 – overdose, Kirkridge Park Dr.
2207 – disturbance, Ironwood Dr.
2303 – malicious destruction of property, Parkwood Dr.
2352 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Lake Villa Dr.
Saturday, Jan. 16:
0406 – noise complaint, W. Adams
0429 – hospice, Stanley Rd.
0746 – juvenile complaint, WB I-94 / Belleville
1008 – harassment call, Brandi
1100 – agency assist, Estrada
1144 – malicious destruction of property, Morton Taylor Rd.
1149 – private property accident, Belleville Rd.
1210 – fraud, Martinsville Rd.
1214 – harassment call, Ironwood Dr.
1246 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1341 – larceny, Morton Taylor Rd./Van Born Rd.
1356 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Tyler
1359 – property damage accident, Country Walk Blvd./Savage Rd.
1408 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1950 – sexual assault, E. Archwood
2104 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
Also on this week’s log are 130 traffic stops, with eight of those on I-94 or I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Jan. 10:
0527 – intrusion alarm, Sumpter Rd.
0543 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
0940 – vehicle lockout, Main St.
1213 – vehicle lockout, Chase Bank
1247 – mental, W. Columbia Ave.
1251 – property damage, Mobil 5 Points
1538 – traffic complaint, N. Liberty St.
1750 – assist citizen, W. Columbia Ave.
1837 -- intrusion alarm, W. Davis/South St.
2101 – intrusion alarm, W. Davis/South St.
Monday, Jan. 11:
0618 – intrusion alarm, Sumpter Rd.
0853 – malicious destruction of property, Anaheim
0858 –intrusion alarm, Sumpter Rd.
1040 – property check, Harbour Pointe Dr.
1826 – narcotics crime, Clarence St.
1900 – narcotics crime, Clarence St.
1922 – follow up, Clarence St.
2210 – fraud, Main St.
2211 – fraud, Main St.
2236 – assist fire dept., W. Wabash Ave.
Tuesday, Jan. 12:
0057 – vehicle lockout, Loza Ln.
0533 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
1441 – suspicious vehicle, Breakwater Dr./ Harbour Pointe Dr.
1453 – vehicle lockout, Victorian Ln.
1629 – miscellaneous complaint, E. Columbia
1923 – serve warrant, Belle Villa Blvd.
2008 – welfare check, Angola St.
2053 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
2135 – all other traffic, Main St./Liberty St.
Wednesday, Jan. 13:
0928 – follow up, Light Tower Ct.
0955 – follow up, S. Aberdeen Ct.
1210 – warrant arrest, Livonia PD
1302 – suspicious vehicle, Tuscan Manor, Bld 230
1556 – welfare check, Main St.
2243 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
Thursday, Jan. 14:
1033 – property damage accident, Brain/High
1202 – unauthorized driving away of auto, N. Aberdeen Ct.
1311 – vehicle lockout, Victory Park
1653 – E-911 hang up/investigation, Fourth St.
1752 – private property accident, Johnny’s Grill
1912 – all other traffic, High St./Main St.
2306 – trespassing, Henry St.
2319 – E-911 hang up/investigation, W. Columbia
Friday, Jan. 15:
0021 – miscellaneous complaint, Egan’s
1012 – vehicle lockout, Sam’s
1022 – E-911 cellular, N. Biggs Ave.
1221 – disorderly conduct, S. Industrial Park Dr.
1429 – harassment call, Biggs Ave.
1430 – larceny, W. Wabash Ave.
1457 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1531 – weapons violation, W. Columbia Ave.
1539 – vehicle lockout, Main St.
1539 – vehicle lockout, W. Columbia Ave.
1951 – background investigation, Main St.
2338 – assist fire dept., Loza Ln.
Saturday, Jan. 16:
0944 – E-911 cellular, E. Columbia Ave., cancelled
1056 – suspicious situation, Estrada
1404 – larceny, South St.
1554 – follow up, N. Liberty St.
1722 – welfare check, Belle Villa
1923 – vehicle lockout, Main St.
2130 – traffic complaint, E. Waterbury Ct.
2310 – traffic complaint, Harbor Pointe
Also on this week’s log are 43 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Jan. 10:
0041 – assist other agency, Bemis/Rawsonville
0224 – personal injury accident, Sumpter/Harris
0942 – assist other agency, 8800 bl. Rawsonville
1205 – suspicious incident, 44000 bl. Paris Dr.
1559 – alarm, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1724 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
Monday, Jan. 11:
0029 – threats complaint, Pecan
0414 – fire dept. assist, Brookview
0926 – alarm, 22000 bl. Clark Rd.
0955 – suspicious person, Elwell/Bemis
1013 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Sully Dr.
1202 – animal complaint, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1214 – animal complaint, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1344 – neighbor dispute, 44000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1422 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Claxton Dr.
1514 – civil dispute, 51000 bl. Judd Rd.
1526 – fire dept. assist, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.
1527 – citizen assist, 51000 bl. Wear Rd.
1753 – citizen assist, 46000 bl. Willow Rd.
1832 – fire dept. assist, 41000 bl. Judd Rd.
2020 – fire dept. assist, Brookview
2332 – property damage accident, Dunn / Martinsville
Tuesday, Jan. 12:
0752 – suspicious vehicle, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0856 – citizen assist, Willow/Elwell
0953 – malicious destruction of property, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.
1054 – animal complaint, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1240 – fire dept. assist, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.
1408 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1415 – property damage accident, Rawsonville / Wear
1427 – citizen assist, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1444 – citizen assist, Rawsonville/Willow
1458 – harassment complaint, Pecan
1616 – property damage accident, Carleton West / Willow
2046 – reckless driver, Oakville Waltz/Martinsville
Wednesday, Jan. 13:
0154 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
0634 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0838 – warrant arrest pick up, 44000 bl. Dunn Rd.
0949 – property damage accident, 28000 bl. Clark
1126 – fraud complaint, 17000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1854 – property damage accident, Savage/Clark
1906 – fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Executive Dr.
2016 – ORV complaint, 24000 bl. Karr Rd.
Thursday, Jan. 14:
0149 -- civil dispute, Mulberry
0315 – suspicious vehicle, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.
0608 – assist other agency, out of township
0948 – suspicious incident, 25000 bl. Martinsville
1303 – fire dept. assist, 40000 bl. Wear Rd.
1447 – leaving the scene of property damage accident, 23000 bl. Clark Rd.
1834 – traffic hazard, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
2214 – subpoena service, 42000 bl. Willis Rd.
Friday, Jan. 15:
0034 – alarm, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0057 – suspicious vehicle, 8200 bl. Rawsonville
0336 – family trouble, Brookview
0618 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1148 – civil dispute, Timberlane Dr.
1242 – juvenile complaint, 23000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1707 – subpoena service, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
1837 – civil dispute, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
2236 – well-being check, Colorado
2323 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Bemis Rd.
Saturday, Jan. 16:
1154 – fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1233 – animal complaint, 28000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1524 – citizen assist, Willis/Sherwood
1740 – subpoena service, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
1830 – suspicious vehicle, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1913 – civil dispute, Brookview
2039 – property damage accident, Judd/Sherwood
2058 – warrant arrest pickup, California
2221 – subpoena service, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2358 – suspicious vehicle, 22000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
Also on this week’s log are 11 follow-up investigations, 34 miscellaneous details, 178 patrol checks, and 32 traffic stops.

Fire extinguished quickly in apartment complex hallway closet

Van Buren Township fire fighters were called to a fire at about 2 p.m. Sunday at the Providence at Harbour Club apartment complex at 29060 Denton Road.

It turned out to be a fire at the water heater located in a second-floor closet in the hallway, said Fire Chief Dan Besson.

A bystander used a fire extinguisher to put the fire out prior to arrival of the fire department, Chief Besson said. He said the fire did not extend anywhere, there was no significant damage, and there were no injuries. The fire fighters turned the scene over to maintenance.

Chief Besson said on Monday he had yet to read the report on the fire because it was a holiday and so he didn’t know if a cause had been determined. Everyone past the duty crews were cleared pretty quickly, he said.

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Court Watching:

Judge Oakley binds over Holmes cousins to face charges at circuit court

By Rosemary K. Otzman
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The Holmes cousins, both 17 years of age, who were taken into custody after a fight at Belleville High School that injured a police officer waived their preliminary exams before Judge Brian Oakley on Jan. 13 and were bound over to circuit court for arraignments on the information Jan. 27.

Ahjea Myco Holmes had two charges of possession of narcotics, one charge of possession of marijuana, and one charge of assault and battery for the Dec. 15 incident.

He was out on \$10,000 personal recognizance bond.

Mario Rudolf Holmes, who had been incarcerated on \$20,000/10% bond, has posted the bond. He is charged with assault of a police officer causing injury and assault and battery.

Court-appointed attorney David Lankford was representing Mario and he told Judge Oakley that he thought they had worked out a deal. The prosecutor was willing to reduce the charge saying there were no injuries.

But, the prosecutor won't allow a waiver on the reduced charge and Mario wanted to waive his preliminary exam.

Lankford said Mario qualifies for HYTA (Holmes Youthful Trainee Act) and probation. The prosecutor had no objection to HYTA.

Lankford said Mario also has a court date on Jan. 28 in Ann Arbor.

On Dec. 15, Belleville Police Cpls. Kris Faull and Todd Schrencengost were at BHS when a fight erupted in front of them and they broke it up and put the young men in the patrol car. Then another fight broke out and Mario allegedly head-butted Schrencengost, who went to a hospital for treatment of a cut on his forehead.

Neither Ahjea nor Mario were students at BHS.

Darick Golden

Darick Golden, 54, waived his preliminary exam on a charge of possession of narcotics less than 25 grams in Sumpter Township on July 5. He was out after posting \$2,000/10%

bond. Judge Oakley bound him over to circuit court for an arraignment on the information on Jan. 27. Officer in charge is G.E. Salajan.

Zackary Lynn Middleton

Zackary Lynn Middleton, 21, waived his preliminary exam on charges of operating while intoxicated – 3rd, fleeing police in a vehicle, and driving while license suspended in Sumpter township on Oct. 8. Judge Oakley bound him over to circuit court for an arraignment on the information on Jan. 27. He is free after posting \$7,500/10% bond. Officer Steffani is the officer in charge.

Correy Allan Pfeiffer

Correy Allan Pfeiffer, 19, is scheduled for his preliminary exam on Jan. 20 before Judge Tina Brooks Green on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault) on Dec. 31 in Sumpter Township. Sgt. John Ashby is the officer in charge.

Robert Kristopher Stilson

Robert Kristopher Stilson, 26, who is lodged on \$500,000/10% bond, has his preliminary exam scheduled on Feb. 10.

Stilson is the second person arrested in the bloody incident at the Sumpter roller rink on Halloween 1914. The first person arrested is serving a long term in prison.

Stilson is charged with assault with intent to murder, assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder, armed robbery, and assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault).

Stilson's retained attorney Sheldon Halpern asked for free discovery for his client who he said is indigent. Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Doug Dwyer said Sumpter Township Det. John Toth had the evidence he sought with him, but said the fee was \$97.

Prosecutor Dwyer said Halpern accepted a case on retainer and then asked the court to find his client indigent.

Judge Oakley asked if the court gave Halpern time could he pay for the discovery and Halpern said he's leaving on vacation toward the end of February and would like the discovery now.

Judge Oakley directed Det. Toth to turn over the discovery and they can decide who pays for it later.

Halpern said he will file a motion for reduction of bond in a future court session.

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